

**Arlington Redevelopment Board
December 15, 2014 Minutes
Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall – 7:00pm**

Approved: January 5, 2015

PRESENT: Chair, Andrew Bunnell, Mike Cayer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Andy West

ABSENT: Christine Scypinski

STAFF: Carol Kowalski

Andrew Bunnell, acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm. The Board turned to the first agenda item, the Environmental Design Review Hearing for 1398 Massachusetts Avenue, for Massage Envy.

Andrew Layman, representing Sign Art of Malden, MA, presented the plan to alter the sign for Massage Envy, seeking to add a “swish” graphic element and the word “spa” to conform to the other Massage Envy stores.

Mr. Fitzsimmons asked Mr. Kowalski for the zoning sign dimensions that are allowed. Mr. Fitzsimmons asked for more information on the purple and white illumination changes. Mr. Layman provided further information.

Mr. Fitzsimmons commented that the amount of blank space keeps the sign from appearing like a block. Mr. Fitzsimmons moved to approve the material as presented. Mr. Cayer seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board then turned to the agenda item of Neighborhood Protection Plan Fines.

The Board discussed the Symmes Stewardship Fund, and that the Board had previously endowed it with \$30,000, which was the initial contribution by the developer.

Mr. Fitzsimmons asked who administers the funds.

Mr. Cayer commented that if the Board had already approved funding for the Symmes Stewardship Fund, they have determined that it's a worthy purpose. Mr. Cayer stated that he wanted to keep the movement of funds related to the site and that he likes the idea of putting the money in the Symmes Stewardship Fund. Mr. Cayer asked for projected costs of enforcing and monitoring the easement. Specifically, how much administration the \$26,250 would allow.

Ms. Kowalski stated that she would ask Brian Rehrig to come to the January 5, 2015 Board meeting to discuss the details further with the Board.

The Board then turned to the meeting minutes of November 17, 2014. Mr. Cayer moved to approve the minutes as is. Mr. West and Mr. Bunnell voted in favor. Mr. Fitzsimmons abstained, as he was absent from the November 17, 2014 meeting.

Polly Ford of 127 Brattle Street and Susan Driscoll of 121 Brattle Street had arrived after the NPP Fine Discussion had occurred. They asked if the fine money could go to addressing the lighting issue impacting the abutters. Mr. Cayer explained that Symmes Neighborhood Protection Plan fines are supposed to go to an Arlington entity.

Mr. Fitzsimmons moved for the meeting to go into recess. The Board agreed to recess the meeting and reconvene at Tryst, located at 689 Massachusetts Avenue, for an annual gathering. It was noted that no Redevelopment Board business will be discussed once reconvened at Tryst.

The Board then came out of recess. No business matters were discussed. The Board adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.